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TAGS: PARM, KS

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - ROK FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED DEC 29 FOR USE BY  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN RESPONSE TO DEC 29 OBERDERFER  
STORY, "KOREA ASKS \$1.5 BILLION IN U.S. LOANS FOR ARMS",  
IN "WASHINGTON POST".

QUOTE QUESTION: HAVE THE KOREANS ASKED U.S. FOR \$1.5  
BILLION FOR PROCUREMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT?

ANSWER: THE ROKG HAS FORMULATED A FIVE-YEAR FORCE  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN WHICH IT EXPECTS TO FUND FROM ITS OWN  
RESOURCES.

HOWEVER, THE ROKG IS INTERESTED IN U.S. SUPPORT FOR A  
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PORTION OF THE PLAN THROUGH FMS DEFENSE GUARANTEED

LOANS. THIS IS UNDER REVIEW AND I DO NOT WISH TO  
SPECULATE ON LEVELS OF FUTURE SUPPORT.

FYI: THE FIP IS A KOREAN PLAN, DISTINCT FROM THE US-  
ROK FORCE MODERNIZATION PLAN, ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINS ELE-  
MENTS OF THE MOD PLAN AND IN EFFECT CONTINUES IT. END  
QUOTE.

2. SPOKESMAN USED GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO ONE INQUIRY  
FROM KOREAN REPORTER.

3. IF INQUIRIES RECEIVED ON STORY ON FIP, EMBASSY/  
COMUSK SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT PLAN IS KOREAN ONE AND WILL  
BE CARRIED OUT WITH ROKG'S OWN RESOURCES, AND NOT  
RPT NOT JOINT EFFORT. ROBINSON

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